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TO SECSTATE WASHDC 6161

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FOLLOWING SENT ACTION USDA WASHDC INFO VIENNA SEP 5  
REPEATED FOR YOUR INFO

QUOTE  
TOFAS 1

GAS FOR COTTON, TOBACCO AND SEED/FRINK FROM AGATT

E.O. 11652: NA  
TAGS: EAGR CZ  
SUBJECT: ASTA INVITATION TO CZECHOSLOVAK SEED EXPERTS TO VISIT US

REF: UNDERWOOD LETTER FEBRUARY 21, 1978, TO TOMAN

PLEASE PASS ON TO UNDERWOOD OF ASTA IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING:

A. IN REPLY TO ASTA INVITATION CZECHOSLOVAK MINISTRY OF  
AGRICULTURE FINALLY SELECTED TWO SEED EXPERTS TO VISIT THE  
US. ONE IS A CZECH--ING. FRANTISEK MINARK, EXPERT AT THE  
SEED TESTING RESEARCH INSTITUTE IN HRUBCICE (MORAVIA). HIS  
MAIN INTEREST LIES IN BARLEY. THE OTHER IS A SLOVAK--ING.  
MELICHAR BARTALOS, EXPERT AT THE SEED TESTING RESEARCH  
INSTITUTE AT SOLARY (SLOVAKIA). HIS MAIN INTEREST LIES IN  
CORN.

B. WE HOPE SELECTION OF TWO SEED EXPERTS TO VISIT THE US  
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DOES NOT COME TOO LATE AND THAT THE TRIP STILL CAN BE  
SCHEDULED THIS FALL. A MINIMUM OF TWO WEEKS MAY BE NEEDED  
FOR VISA ETC. AFTER APPLICATION FOR VISA RECEIVED BY THE CZECHS.  
BUT THE CZECHS WILL NOT MAKE THE APPLICATION UNTIL THEY RECEIVE  
A DEFINITE SCHEDULE FOR THE TRIP FROM ASTA. SO IN ALL  
PROBABILITY THE TOUR CANNOT START MUCH BEFORE THE END OF  
SEPTEMBER.

C. SINCE NEITHER OF THE SELECTEES SPEAKS ENGLISH, MINAG OFFICIALS WILL REQUEST THE CZECHOSLOVAK EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON TO PROVIDE AN INTERPRETER. THIS MEANS THE PARTY WILL CONSIST OF THREE PEOPLE RATHER THAN TWO, WITH THE ASSUMPTION THAT THE COST OF TRAVEL AND LODGING FOR THE THIRD PERSON WILL BE PICKED UP BY THE CZECHOSLOVAKS.

D. PLEASE REPLY SOONEST REGARDING THE LATEST POSSIBLE STARTING DATE FOR TOUR DIRECTLY TO EMBASSY PRAGUE (COPY TO VIENNA) SO WE CAN INFORM MINAG OFFICIALS HERE IMMEDIATELY OF TIMING AND SCHEDULE OF VISITS. END MESSAGE. UNQUOTE.  
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